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April 19, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Suite 1100 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

ATTN: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I have been pleased to work closely with the Coastal Conservancy to see significant protections provided to the Mendocino Coast. The residents of this coastal area have worked diligently to be partners with the state for unique projects. The people of Fort Bragg have been leaders in their effort to protect this magnificent portion of the California coastline and the unique coastal communities.

I am pleased to extend my strong support for a proposed grant that will be used by the City of Fort Bragg to facilitate the acquisition of property on the Georgia Pacific Mill Site for a coastal trail and associated parkland.

This site consists of approximately 400 acres of land that occupies nearly the entire coastline within Fort Bragg city limits, nearly one third of all the land in the City. In September 2002, the Georgia-Pacific Corporation permanently closed the Fort Bragg mill. Since that time, the City and the property owner have been planning for reuse of the property – and public coastal access is a key goal.

The parkland will have regional and statewide significance as it will provide a substantial link in the statewide Coastal Trail and will protect this portion of the California coastline for the use and enjoyment of future generations. Your support for this grant will empower local citizenry to carry out a project that will broadly benefit the public, while at the same time building community.

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As always, I greatly appreciate your support for these important projects and the special efforts to work with the people of the Mendocino Coast. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Doug Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

Subject: Letter of Support for City of Fort Bragg Mill Site Parkland Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco: Um

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Please help the City of Fort Bragg acquire a key piece of California coastline for parkland with benefits that extend beyond city boundaries. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,

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cc: City of Fort Bragg Community Development Director

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Moira McEnespy, Project Manager State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. McEnespy,

I am writing in support of the request for funds to help acquire property on the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site by the City of Fort Bragg. The property's use for a coastal trail and associated parkland will ensure its preservation in perpetuity.

The magnificent ocean frontage, which has been occupied for nearly a hundred years by a private lumber mill, has never before been open to the public. Many people whose families have lived here for generations have never been on this property to experience its magnificent ocean frontage.

With your help, the purchase will preserve land along the top of the bluffs and provide access for everyone to stroll next to the ocean, see the historic beach, and be able to walk directly from town. It contributes three miles to the statewide Coastal Trail. The uniqueness of this oneof-a-kind coastal property has widespread appeal, not only for the Mendocino Coast, but also for the whole nation.

I fully support this purchase and thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely.

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April 18, 2005

The Honorable Dave Turner City of Fort Bragg 416 N. Franklin St. Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Dear Mayor Turner:

I understand that the City of Fort Bragg is interested in purchasing 400 acres of land from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation to provide public coastal access for Fort Bragg's residents and visitors. It is also my understanding that the city would like to use the land, a former mill site, for parks and to add a 3-mile link to the California Coastal Trail.

By increasing public access and creating more parks and trails, the City will be able to further its goals of protecting public open space. I commend the City of Fort Bragg for its dedication to providing coastal access for its residents and visitors. I encourage you to keep me updated on the City's plans for redevelopment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer United States Senator

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April 18, 2005

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530 Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager Via Fax: 510-286-3840

Regarding: Letter of Support for City of Fort Bragg Mill Site Parkland Acquisition

Honorable Chairman Bosco:

Please accept this correspondence as an expression of my strong support of the City of Fort Bragg's request for funding from the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire property on the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site for a coastal trail and associated parkland. Furthermore, I respectfully request that this letter of support be forwarded to the Conservancy Board for their consideration and action at their May 18, 2005, meeting.

The Georgia-Pacific Mill Site consists of approximately 400 acres of land that occupies nearly the entire coastline within Fort Bragg city limits - nearly 1/3 of all the land in the City. In September 2002, the Georgia-Pacific Corporation permanently closed the Fort Bragg mill. Since that time, the City and the property owner have been planning for reuse of the property—and public coastal access is a key goal.

Two objectives identified by the Mill Site reuse planning effort and the City's General Plan are (1) to maintain and enhance the community's small town identity and the "quality of life" in Fort Bragg; and (2) to develop a strong and stable economy with good-paying jobs. Protecting public open space and establishing recreational uses along the coastline of the Mill Site will help the City achieve both of these objectives. Access to scenic resources will enhance the quality of life and also provide tangible economic benefits. The parkland will help attract tourists to Fort Bragg, enhance real estate values, and attract businesses to the community. This will strengthen the City's tax base which will provide increased revenues for essential City services.

The parkland will have regional and statewide significance as it will provide a substantial link (approximately 3 miles) in the statewide Coastal Trail and will protect this portion of the California coastline for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

For these reasons, I strongly support the City of Fort Bragg's proposed acquisition of the Fort Bragg Mill Site Parkland, encouraging your Board's favorable consideration of funding this invaluable community resource. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kendall Smith, 4th District Supervisor Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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Ruth Coleman, Director

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION Mendocino District PO Box 440 Mendocino, CA 95460

April 18, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco,

CC:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation would like to express its support for the acquisition of the Georgia Pacific Mill Site Park by the City of Fort Bragg. The site is nearly 400 acres in size and makes up approximately 1/3 of the area of the City, including nearly its entire ocean frontage. It would be an exceptional site for a city park as it would provide coastal access and constitute an important 3-mile link in the Statewide Coastal Trail. These amenities will enhance the quality of life for residents of Fort Bragg and attract tourists. The City will benefit financially from an increase in property values and from revenues brought into the local economy by visitors.

The conversion of the Mill Site to a City Park will also benefit the State Park System as well. The site is contiquous to State Park property at Glass Beach and connects to the southern end of McKerricher State Park at the Pudding Creek Trestle. Potentiality this will connect those two pieces of State Park lands and will create an unbroken stretch of coastal parks nearly ten miles long connected by hiking and bike trails. We look forward to our continued cooperative relationship with the City as they look at this important acquisition along the coastline. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 937-2507 if you have any questions regarding State Park's interest in this area.

______Superintendent II

Michael L. Wells, Ph.D. District Superintendent

Lynn Rhodes, Chief Northern Division



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District Board of Directors has recently taken formal action to support the City of Fort Bragg's efforts to obtain funding from the State Coastal Conservancy for the acquisition of property on the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site for a coastal trail and associated parkland.

The Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District is a local park and recreation public agency which serves approximately 25,000 residents while covering almost 1,000 square miles of the Mendocino Coast. Public retention of open space as well as coastal trail development are two important aspects of the District's mission. In the District's current master planning process, the retention of the property in question by the public has been identified as a priority by the Recreation District's Board of Directors. For this reason, the District strongly supports the City of Fort Bragg in their attempt to develop a coastal trail on the site as well as to retain a portion for open space.

This 400 acre parcel (the GP mill site) spans almost the entire coastline within the City of Fort Bragg and actually makes up nearly one third of the land with the City limits. Since the closure of the mill two and one half years ago, the City and Georgia Pacific have been planning for the future use of the property with public coastal access being one of the most important aspects of that planning process.

As mentioned previously, the coastal trail link of approximately three miles is very important to both the Recreation District and its residents. Protection of this portion of the coastline for the enjoyment of present and future generations is an essential element of any development that may take place on the site.

During the planning effort for the site several significant objectives were identified. One was to develop a strong and stable economy with good-paying jobs. Another is to preserve and enhance the small town identity and the "quality of life" in Fort Bragg. Access to scenic resources will enhance the quality of life as well as providing economic benefits to the area. This will help to strengthen the tax base for the City of Fort Bragg thus increasing the funding available for essential services.

We strongly urge the California Coastal Conservancy to support the City of Fort Bragg's request for grant funds to obtain property on the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site for a coastal trail and associated parkland.

Sincerely,

Charlie Boise

District Administrator

cc: Linda Ruffing, Community Development Director



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April 18, 2005

State Coastal Conservancy Chairman Doug Bosco 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

Re: City of Fort Bragg Mill Site Parkland Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco:

At its regular meeting on April 14, 2005, the Noyo Harbor Commission directed that this letter be written to express their support for the city of Fort Bragg's request for funds to acquire property on the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site for a coastal trail and associated parkland.

Since the closing of Georgia Pacific's mill in Fort Bragg in September of 2002, the city and Georgia Pacific have been planning for the reuse of the property. Because the site takes in nearly the entire coastline within the city limits, public coastal access is of paramount importance and a key goal in their planning effort. The coastal trail and parkland would protect this portion of the California coastline for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

Protecting public open space and establishing recreational uses along the coastline of the mill site would also provide substantial economic benefits; attracting tourists and new businesses to our community. This would help strengthen the City's tax base and provide increased revenues for essential City services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Jeanie Mokma

Jeanie Mokma, Secretary/Treasurer Noyo Harbor Commission

Mendocino County Surfrider Foundation

April 14, 2005

Chairman Doug Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530 Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

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Re: City of Fort Bragg Georgia-Pacific Mill Site Trail and Parkland Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Mendocino County Surfrider Foundation strongly supports the request for funds for the City of Fort Bragg to implement the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site Trail and Parkland Project for the donation of a coastal trail by G-P and the purchase of about 35 acres of associated parkland. We think that this is very generous of G-P and an excellent opportunity for the public.

The G-P Mill Site encompasses about 3 miles of the coastline of the city, with at least two advanced surf spots and a potential public beach park at Solders Bay. In addition, there are numerous coves, islands, and reefs that are very popular with divers and coastal visitors. Public recreational access is long overdue.

With this acquisition, the City of Fort Bragg will rival the village of Mendocino and its famous Headlands State Park as a major North Coast venue for coastal public access and visitor serving facilities. Access to scenic resources will enhance the quality of life of visitors and citizens of the region; as well as offer economic development opportunities. The parkland will help attract tourists to Fort Bragg, enhance real estate values, and attract businesses to the community. This will strengthen the City's tax base, which will provide increased revenues for essential City services.

Surfrider represents thousands of citizens of California and we realize that waiting for another opportunity during the Specific Plan process in the future may seem reasonable, but the delay is not acceptable. Furthermore, when development is approved in the future, additional public access and open space will be incorporated into conditions of approval and further enhance coastal access and coastal resources.

Thank you for your consideration, again the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Surfrider Foundation urge approval of the funding for the City of Fort Bragg Georgia-Pacific Mill Site Trail and Parktand Project.

Sincerely,

Walt Dooley, Chairperson

Mendocino County Surfrider Foundation

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MENDOCINO COAST DISTRICT HOSPITAL

April 19, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Bosco,

This letter is submitted in support of the City of Fort Bragg in its request for funds from the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire property on the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site in Fort Bragg, California for coastal trail and associated parkland.

As you may know, in September 2002 the Georgia-Pacific Corporation permanently closed the Fort Bragg Mill. Since that time the City and its Staff and the Property Owner have been planning for the re-use of the property with public coastal access as a key goal for that prime physical space.

From my perspective as CEO of the local Hospital and past President of the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce, I have been impressed with the efforts the City has undertaken in order to get widespread participation and community input in the development of this plan. Principal goals were to maintain and enhance the community's small town identity and quality of life in Fort Bragg and, secondly, to develop a strong sustainable economy with good paying jobs. Certainly, their clearly communicated priority of protecting public open space and establishing recreational uses along the coastline of the Mill Site will help the City achieve both of these objectives. I also believe that access to scenic resources will enhance to quality of life and provide tangible economic benefits to our growing community. The parkland will help attract tourists to the Mendocino Coast, enhance real estate values, and attract

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businesses to the community. This will strengthen the City's tax base which will provide increased revenues for essential City services.

I very much appreciate your support for this vital project in our Northern California area. This is one of the most unique opportunities that any community has had to be able to develop a program that, indeed, will be such a significant investment in its

Should you have any questions regarding my position on this matter, I certainly would be pleased to respond to them.

Sincerely,

Bryan M. Ballard Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Andy Whiteman, City Manager

Linda Ruffing, Community Development Director



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April 21, 2005

Chairman Doug Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530 Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

Subject: Letter of Support for City of Fort Bragg Mill Site Parkland Acquisition

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The City of Fort Bragg would greatly appreciate the Conservancy's favorable vote for funding the acquisition of parkland on the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site.

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Please help the City of Fort Bragg acquire a key piece of California coastline for parkland with benefits that extend beyond city boundaries. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely,

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City Manager Community Development Director

Golden State Land Conservancy

May 3, 2005

Chairman Doug Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, Floor 11 Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Attn: Moira McEnespy, Project Manager

Re: City of Fort Bragg Mill Site Trail and Parkland Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

The Golden State Land Conservancy recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy fund the acquisition of 35 acres of the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site by the City of Fort Bragg. It is our understanding that in conjunction with the acquisition of the parkland Georgia-Pacific is planning to donate approximately 38 acres of coastal trail. This 3-mile trail corridor will provide public access to the City's coastline.

It is expected that the City of Fort Bragg could become a major North Coast destination for coastal visitor serving facilities. The parkland and trail will help attract tourists to Fort Bragg. The trail could also connect to the Noyo Harbor and Todd Point Headlands to the south, and Glass Beach and MacKerricher State Park to the north. The parkland will compliment the natural landscape of the harbor entrance. And this acquisition/donation will open up a major coastal trail segment to the public much sooner that private development options.

Thank you for your consideration, again the Golden State Land Conservancy recommends funding of the City of Fort Bragg Mill Site Trail and Parkland Project.

Sincerely,
Bob Whitney
Bob Whitney, President
Golden State Land Conservancy